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Noted lawyer to defend trooper in Turnpike case

HACKENSACK — Robert J. Galanteucci, a Hackensack criminal lawyer who is widely known for defending police officers, was recently hired by State trooper John Hogan to defend him in the April 23 shooting on the New Jersey Turnpike. Galanteucci said in a recent statement that Hogan's use of deadly force was "completely justified."

"We're not going to get into a debate on the facts of the case," said Galanteucci. "That's something that's inappropriate. We are not going to try the case in the media. This is New Jersey. People do things a little bit differently here."

Newark's housing authority director makes move to new post

NEWARK — Harold Lucas, director of the Newark Housing Authority, began work recently in Washington as a senior adviser in the Department of Housing and Urban Development after taking a 6-month leave of absence. His new post requires that he coordinate every public housing authority in the nation.

Prior to leaving the post, Lucas had been heralded for his outstanding work by Sharpe James. "Lars has done an outstanding job. Quality housing being built in our private and public sectors is a tribute to his ability," James said. Harry Robinson, the authority's public relations director, was named interim director.

Franklin Township man kills himself, wife and daughter

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP — Forty-five year old Willie Jordan of Franklin Township killed his wife, their 16-year-old daughter and himself. He was found dead at his home with his 22-month-old grandson who was also in her home.

Franklin Township police arrived after a call from a neighbor who heard a gunshot. The Somerset County SWAT team and crisis negotiators tried to reach Jordan by phone and by knocking before breaking into the house. His wife, Margie Jordan, had obtained and then dismissed a restraining order against her husband last year.

Whitman signs bill to cut insurance rates by 15 percent

TRENTON (AP) — Governor Christine Whitman recently signed an auto insurance reform bill that could take her through the final years of her term. Whitman expected to declare victory over auto insurance reform by signing of the bill she says will cut rates by 15 percent by next January.

She is receiving praise from some of her constituents. "One of the charges against her in the first term is that she didn't do anything beyond the tax cuts," said Steve Salmore, a political scientist who has consulted Republican candidates. "Now she can say she did do more."

Report shows crime on the decline in three of four New Jersey cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Statistics show a sixth straight annual decline in serious crime. Serious reported crime in New Jersey fell in every region, led by a plunge of more than 10 percent in murder in larger cities and suburban counties. Three of four New Jersey cities analyzed had crime decreases. Jersey City went from 16,704 incidents in 1996 to 15,598 in 1997. Paterson dropped from 8,446 in 1996 to 7,232 the following year, and crime incidents in Newark decreased from 34,437 in 1996 to 28,351 in 1997. Elizabeth's crime rate went up from 9,209 in 1996 to 9,493 in 1997.

Judge rules to end discrimination against prison guards

NEWARK (AP) — Two years after paying \$3.7 million to settle a discrimination lawsuit, the state has not done enough to end racial and sexual harassment against black and female prison guards, a federal judge has ruled.

The State Department of Corrections has failed to properly train special investigators. The state has addressed complaints of racial or sexual bias quickly, leaving a one-

year backlog of 44 complaints. U.S. Magistrate Joel Pisano said.

In his ruling last month, Pisano ordered the department to investigate and decide the 44 cases by June 16. Pisano ruled after lawyers for some prison guards accused the state of violating a \$3.7 million settlement and consent decree reached in May 1994.

Eleven black and female guards sued the department in 1993, alleging

state officials ignored their complaints about racial or sexual harassment, including bulletin board signs using racial slurs and telling blacks to go home.

The settlement paid the 11 guards and about 200 other black and female corrections workers who complained internally of discrimination or harassment from April 19, 1987, to June 30, 1995.

State officials admitted no

wrongdoing, but agreed to create ways to handle complaints of racial and sexual discrimination and harassment, give sensitivity training to personnel and set penalties for violators that included dismissal.

Chad Davis, a spokesman for Attorney General Peter Verniero, said the state has abided by the consent decree, and has addressed 204 more serious complaints than the 44 unhandled ones. He said the depart-

ment has also trained its investigative workers on racial and sexual bias, but conceded the state does not yet have a program to train all 8,000 employees.

But after a hearing in April, Pisano found the department violated the consent decree by failing to address the old cases and by failing to properly investigate the posting of a racial derogatory cartoon at Northern State Prison.

Klagholz has last word on school funding



The recent Supreme Court ruling on school funding will allow schools to receive money for college prep programs, computers, and summer school. The process for each school district to receive funding is in the hands of Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz.

By Sonya Kimb-Elis

The New Jersey Supreme Court recently issued the final word on how some of the state's poor schools will receive funding. The unanimous decision satisfies both sides in the school funding Abbott vs. Burke case which has spanned several decades.

One of the primary issues of the decision had to do with the amount of funding the state would have to issue to "special needs" schools. To that end, Supreme Court justices rejected a court ruling last year that would have forced the state to spend \$112 million a year to fund various social programs and all-day pre-school. Instead, the court ordered the state to start half-day preschool and full-day kindergarten for 3- and 4-year olds, which could cost in excess of \$100 million.

Governor Whitman, who will not have to spend as much as initially expected, was relieved with that decision and says there is money in the bud-

get to handle the expense. Lawyers for the special needs districts were satisfied with the ruling because it required that the state follow through on 13 requirements established during hearings on school reforms last year.

"The court is requiring that the state work to put in place all of the programs that we proposed," said David Sciarra, Executive Director of the Education Law Center and counsel for the school funding case. The requirements include fulfillment of a promise for the state to secure funding for \$1.8 billion dollars worth of school repairs, implementation of a school reform program called "Success For All" in more than 30 schools over the next five years, and to furnish poor schools with college prep programs, computers, and to provide alternative schools for troubled students.

The process for districts to receive money will be in the hands of Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz. He

will determine the cost of school programs and whether or not schools will receive extra funding for summer school, additional security, technology, nutrition programs, school-to-work programs, on-site health and social services and other programs. "Although the ruling has not put a price tag on those programs, it has established a new process by which districts themselves will have to come forward and request additional funding," he said.

Before Klagholz will make such determinations, each district is required to assess its schools needs, develop a report and submit it to the department of education to apply for funding.

In responding to how well each district will do in receiving funding, Sciarra said, "It depends on how organized the districts are. That will determine their ability to seek out and get funding. We're hopeful that parents will use this decision as a tool to advocate for better education for their children, and for change within the school system."

King III looks for end to racism

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The son of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. says America has yet to fulfill his father's dream of when racism no longer exists.

"People say we are now color blind, class blind, AIDS blind," Martin Luther King III said recently during the annual banquet of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's local chapter.

"Perhaps they are so blind because they can't see the reality around us. Ninety-seven percent of the nation's corporate jobs are held by white men. We certainly know who is preferred in this nation."

But King said the dream is still alive. "Just because they killed the dreamer, doesn't mean they killed the dream," King said. "We can make a difference. I see hope every time I see young people who exude positive energy. We have to see we are all in this together - black, white, brown, yellow." King is the national president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization founded by his father.

King also discussed the surge of violence committed by children and what's needed to stop the moral decline of society. "It's not surprising that after watching hundreds of acts of violence on television that

children themselves become violent, he said.

Offering health care and higher education to everyone and searching for cures to debilitating diseases are among ways to achieve his father's dream.

King said his father taught him that people must learn to love each other unconditionally.

"That's the kind of love we need to embrace if we want to move our society forward," he said.

The accomplishments of King's father were also embraced by those who attended the banquet. "Dr. King is my hero," said Rochelle Lucas, an eighth-grader. He protected my civil rights."

"We have one of our chief competitors using ostensibly a third party to spread bigotry and misinformation about our audience," said Winston said the spring managers meeting, being held on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas, was the first chance the group had to discuss the controversial memo.

Minority broadcasters address racist memo

CHARLOTTE, AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — Minority broadcasters said they long suspected competitors were disparaging the value of advertising on stations aimed at Blacks and Hispanics, but a memo revealed earlier provided evidence.

A memo that discouraged advertising on New York radio stations aimed at minorities, saying "advertisers should want prospects, not suspects," was the hottest topic of conversation on the opening day of the recent conference of the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters.

The memo was prepared by Amcast, a division of Katz Media Group, which sells advertising time on hundreds of radio stations.

The parent company of Katz Media group also owns radio stations, so the memo amounts to competitors using a subsidiary to steer advertisers away from minority-owned stations, said James L. Winston, executive director of the broadcasters organization.

New speed limit, higher fines for motorists

TRENTON (AP) — A new law took effect recently regarding the new 65 mph speed limit. Motorists should beware that the new limit does not just apply to highways.

New roadwork signs warn of "doubled fines" for speeding in 65 mph zones. In addition, people going more than 10 mph over the limit on any road will also pay an increased fine. Fines for traveling 1.9 mph over the limit will not change for any road.

"We've been saying from the get-go that those fines were doubled for going 10 mph or more over the limit," said Jim Berzok, spokesman for the State Department of Transportation. "And the fact that you would face doubled fines for

going 20 or more over on any highway."

Questions have come up regarding what appears on the road signs.

The signs simply say fines are doubled in 65 mph zones. "There's only so much you can put on a road sign," Berzok replies. "It gives some notification that you will pay more for speeding."

The change in penalties is actually more complicated than the doubling fines. The new law also changes the speed ranges that higher penalties apply to lower speeds. And the doubling applies to the basic fines, not including court costs and a surcharge for a bulletproof vest fund.

Lieutenant extorts bribes from gambling ring

CAMDEN (AP) — A former Union City police lieutenant pleaded guilty recently to extorting bribes from an illegal gambling business in the Hudson County town in return for tipping it to police raids.

The plea was the latest entered in a series of cases stemming from the government's investigation of corruption in the West New York police force. Union City is adjacent to West New York.

The plea by Maurice Ryan brings to at least 15 the number of people, including now-retired West

New York Chief Alexander V. Oriente, who have acknowledged roles in the scandal, who state authorities describe as the largest exposure of police corruption in New Jersey.

Ryan, who retired in May 1997 after 26 years on the Union City force, was among those arrested in January when the charges became public.

Ryan, 58, and his wife, Eunice, a secretary to the Union City mayor, were accused of conspiring to extort bribes in exchange for protecting illegal video gambling at establishments in Union City.

Ryan was additionally charged with accepting 12 bribes totaling \$5,000 from January to April 1996.

The criminal complaint against the Ryans of Union City, filed by the FBI, disclosed secretly recorded conversations between the lieutenant and an informant showing the officer warned several times of upcoming raids.

Ryan instructed the informant to leave messages with his wife while they were working, and she was used to arrange their meetings, says the FBI filing. The charge against Mrs. Ryan, 56, is pending.

Speed Limit 65

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

JERSEY CITY—The Dept. of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College offers "Calligraphy" from 6 to 9 p.m. 201-714-2107.

ACAPULCO—UnWorld Entertainment and the Black Filmmaker Foundation announce "The Second Annual Acapulco Black Film Festival" from July 13th-July 19th in Mexico. 212-219-7267.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

WHET-13—A program, "City Life - Making It" will feature a 38-yr. old former crack addict who puts her life together from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

NEWARK—A teens program will be held at Aspin's 1st Annual Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. 973-484-7554.

NEWARK—A volunteer training and orientation on becoming a reading tutor will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Newark Public Library. 973-623-4001.

NEW BRUNSWICK—An evening of poetry reading of political change will be held at Recto Verso Book Store beginning at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. 732-247-2324.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

NORWOOD—The New Hope Baptist Church of Hackensack will be holding a Black and White Evening of Elegance from 8 to 11 p.m., at the Colonial Inn. 201-489-8550.

CARLISLE, PA.—Ford Motor Company's dedication to excellence will shine through as Fords, Lincolns, Mercuys and Edsels fill the Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds for the 4th annual Carlisle ALL-FORD Nationals through June 7th.

WHET-13—A special, "Ending Welfare As We Know It" featuring six families as they feel the effects of the new legislation. Airing from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

PATERSON—Employees of UPS' Metro Jersey District will be presenting a check for \$50,000 to Paterson Habitat for Humanity. This presentation will be held from 11 to 12 p.m. at North 6th St. 973-278-4280.

NEW YORK—A powerful workshop opens door to getting the man and love you need will be held at 2 West 45th St. 17th fl. in New York from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

PRINCETON—"Learn to Fly" Month will be celebrated at Princeton Airport

with an Aviation Open House. 609-921-3100.

ISELIN—The 38th Annual New Good Neighbor Awards Luncheon for NJ businesses that have made an outstanding contribution to their communities, will be held at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. The reception begins at 11:30 a.m. 609-389-7707, ext. 219.

NORTH BRANCH—A Laser Concert featuring the music of Jimi Hendrix will be held at The Pledgemaat at Raritan Valley Community College beginning at 7:30 p.m. 908-231-8605.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK—Judith Winston, executive director of President Clinton's Initiative on Race, will deliver the 1998 commencement address at Essex County College. 973-877-3054.

PATERSON—A Poet-X Poetry and Performance Ensemble will be held at the Father English Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. 201-461-6178.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

WEST ORANGE—The 8th Annual Hospital Center at Orange Golf and Tennis Classic, will be held at the Essex County Country Club. 973-266-2293.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

CLARK—Community Access is holding its 14th Annual Awards Night Celebration from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Gran Centurions. 908-354-3040, ext. 275.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

CRANFORD—Union County College host workshop outlining role of student skills in enhancing a technological environment to be held through Saturday at the Cranford Campus. 908-709-7542.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

NEW YORK—The 22nd annual American Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts through June 14th. For more info, call 973-745-0091.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The State 4-H Public Presentations Program will be held at the Cook/Douglas Campus of Rutgers University. 732-431-7263.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

NORTH BRUNSWICK—Family Fun Day will be held at Veterans Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register call 732-745-7393.

Send events to: CN Community Calendar, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060 or FAX to: 908-753-1035

Rutgers coach Stringer is Woman of the Year

The Union County Club National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., has announced this year's Woman of the Year Award, is Vivian Stringer, the head coach at Rutgers University. Ms. Stringer has been a coach for 26 years, three have been at Rutgers University. During her 26 year coaching record, she has made 12 appearances at the NCAA. The award was presented on April 25, 1998 at L'Afrique, in Mountaineer, NJ, during the club's 26th Founders' Day Luncheon. Other awardees were: Mr. Ed Tiller (Piscataway), is the club's Man of the Year. Beverly Guest (Plainfield), is the Professional Woman of the Year. President Carlisle Jr. (Elizabeth), com-

munity service award and the Male-Role Model Award will go to Joshua Johnson (Plainfield). The club's highest National Award, Sojourner Truth award was presented to an adjunct professor at Union County College, Dessize Pickett.

Vivian Stringer

MOB Contest Winner



LAWRENCEVILLE—Kevin Dew Jr., second from left, an 8th grader at Trenton's Arthur Holland Middle School, is the winner of Rider University's Minding Our Business (MOB) logo contest.

LAWRENCEVILLE—MOB is a community service/mentoring project that involves about 100 students who are grouped under mentoring teams consisting of University CBA students, parents of participating children and community business leaders. The goal of the mentors is to educate and develop entrepreneurial skills in the children. This year's MOB program features 11 teams with an average of 10 members per team. The products and services the groups are selling include face-painting, candy, candles, key chains, pictures and other small objects. Kevin's team is "Around the World T-shirt." They are selling the shirts that Kevin designed the logo for at the school's flea market and fair on April 18. Posing with Kevin at the awards ceremony, from left to right, are his father and mother, Kevin Sr. and Joanne, and Dr. Sigfredo Hernandez, associate professor of marketing and director of MOB. Kevin is wearing the T-shirt with his winning logo.

City News is glad to highlight our community people every week. Send your photos and information to: City News People, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Larry Doby receives honorary degrees



At its recent undergraduate commencement, Jersey City State College presented honorary doctor of humane letters degrees to baseball great Larry Doby (center) who as the first African-American player in the American League helped bring about racial desegregation in the United States, and attorney David Leff (second from right), a long-time business and civic leader in New Jersey. Following the ceremony, Mr. Doby, a resident of Montclair, and Mr. Leff, a resident of Guttenberg and West Palm Beach, Florida, gathered with Dr. Carlos Hernandez (left) of Jersey City, JSCC president, John Moore of Teaneck, chairman of the JSCC Board of Trustees who conveyed greetings from the Board, and Milby Montijo of Newark, president of the Class of 1998 who responded for the graduates. Jersey City State College awarded 468 bachelor of arts degrees, 16 bachelor of fine arts degrees, 445 bachelor of science degrees, and 51 bachelor of science in nursing degrees.

Union County government doing more with less



Receiving certificates are Alexander Moody of Newark, second from left, who also won the 1998 Thomas F. Barry Student Excellence Award, and Julius C. Newman of Newark, second from left. At right, is Thomas P. Giblin, President of Local 68, and at left is Thomas D. Lawrence, Assistant Training Coordinator for Local 68.

Thirty-four members of Local 68, International Union of Operating Engineers, West Caldwell, recently received their Completion Certificates from the U.S. Department of Labor recognizing four years of schooling and the successful completion of the curriculum relating to their trade as Stationary Engineers at graduation ceremonies at Valley Regency Estates, Clifton.

Black people respond to targeted marketing campaigns

According to a report by Packaged Facts*, black people are highly receptive to financial services that are marketed to them. Example: Deluxe Corporation, by creating a check series commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, exceeded their market projections by 15%.

*Packaged Facts is a product of FTD/SVP Research Publications Group

2 great ways to reach the African-American Business & Professional Community



Minority Business Journal

The *Minority Business Journal* is a monthly publication focusing on minority and women business enterprise in New Jersey and New York City. *MBJ* regularly features the accomplishments of minority and women businesses, information concerning maintaining and expanding business, opportunities available for minority entrepreneurs, a calendar of events, editorial and commentary - issues facing minority businesses. *MBJ* offers an excellent forum for classified and display advertising and special business and professional card directories. *MBJ* provides an important communication link in the information network vital to the growth and economic development of minority communities.

Minority Business-to-Business Directory

The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* is a directory of minority- and woman-owned businesses and companies committed to doing business with minorities. The *Directory* networks minority businesses, identifies minority and women businesses with whom public and private sector businesses and agencies can contract for products and services, and exposes a growing force of minority businesses to the general consumer. The *Directory* features listings and advertising as well as provides a resource guide for minority and women entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs to help facilitate starting and maintaining a business. The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* includes listings from public and private sector businesses and agencies, minority and women-owned business and small businesses. A delineation of ownership is provided with each listing. The *Minority Business-to-Business Directory* is a tool for the growth and expansion of minority and women entrepreneurs and economic development in the African-American community.



Call (908) 754-3400 for more information
Minority Business Journal & Minority Business to Business Directory opens up a whole new world of possibility

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AT HILLCREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS AND LEXINGTON VILLAGE APARTMENTS

On April 8, 1998, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey entered an order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Hillcrest Village Apartments and Lexington Village Apartments in Clark, New Jersey. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing there. Under this order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented, an apartment at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments and:

1. You were denied an opportunity to live there because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you or
2. You were falsely told that no apartments were available because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
3. You were otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race or color in connection with your occupancy at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments or your attempt to rent a unit there.

If you believe you were discriminated against because of race or color at Hillcrest Village Apartments or Lexington Village Apartments, or if you have any information about persons who may have been discriminated against there on the basis of race or color, please contact the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-896-7743. You may also write to:

United States Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
Housing and Civil Enforcement Section
P.O. Box 65998
Washington, D.C. 20035-5998

NOTE: You must call or write no later than ninety (90) days from August 8, 1998.

The earlier children learn, the better

The Abbott litigation is finally settled and perhaps now we will see progress and improvement in our urban schools. This "new era" in the education of New Jersey children means, among other things, that the students in Newark and Trenton should eventually get the same education as the students in Glen Ridge and Millburn.

This compromise funding legislation of \$1.8 billion for more intensive instructional programs, and a broad range of supplemental programs to meet the special needs of the urban student will jump start the New Jersey education and make it a system for other states to follow. More importantly, it will give a level of accountability in the form of careful evaluation to ensure that these new programs are effective.

The most encouraging aspect of the Abbott decision is that the very young citizens of the state will get the opportunity to make a strong start in their education. While daycare is important to working parents, mandating preschool programs for three- and four-year-olds will give urban children the comprehensive edge. It is also a more effective use of a child's time. With the world moving faster and reaching farther, the sooner any child starts learning, the better it will be for them in the long run.

Because effective pre-school programs are not about play, maps and snacks, this "pre-education" has become increasingly important for all children. In today's social environment, learning can neither start too early nor last too long.

NBUF continues to struggle

By Conrad W. Worrell

On July 16-19, 1988, activists, scholars and everyday concerned citizens in America will converge upon Houston, Texas to participate in the 19th Annual National Black United Front Convention.

This year's theme is *Sankofa and the Continuing American Genocide*. Given the acute crisis facing the African Community in America, saving our children from the impact of white supremacy and racism should be a major priority of the Black Liberation Movement as we build our new African Centered institutions and struggle for independence.

Just consider, for a moment, these alarming statistics presented by the Black Community Crusade for Children. They point out that "Black children in America are poorer today than they were in 1968; are more likely to live in extreme poverty than any time since such statistics were calculated in 1975; face a greater infant mortality gap with white babies than any year since 1940; and are less safe than during any time in slavery."

Finally, the Black Community Crusade for Children reveals that "More young Black men die each year from homicide than died during all the horrible decades of lynching. Every 10 hours a Black child is murdered. Inequitably, Black children are more likely to grow up, but if I grow up, say, when I grow up, but if I grow up."

Without an organized, disciplined, concerned, and committed cadre of individuals and organizations willing to develop plans and strategies to

Working in a white man's world

By Kimberly Wilson

For many people, *The Black Man's Guide to Working in a White Man's World* is going to be hard to read. This is not because it is dry scholarly tone, but because it will make quite a few readers squirm with discomfort.

The Guide's author, E. LeMay Lathan, hits hard and speaks plainly to those who come to this book looking for a mishmash of theory and finger-pointing at whites. Lathan offers hard truth instead. It comes as a splash of cold water to those readers who think that with an open mind, this book will be as refreshing as rain after a drought. Lathan is not an academic tinging in an Ivy League comfort zone. He is a black man who rose from a poor neighborhood in Mississippi to become a successful manager at a large Pacific Northwest company.

Instead of offering dry theories, statistics and charts, Lathan begins his book by simply telling how—as a black man—he made his dreams come true. After a stint in the Navy, he found that no one was beating down his door to hire him. Lacking a college degree, he also realized the world was not going to be open to him. But, his own work ethic would not allow him to sit on the street corner. So he took a job as a cemetery security guard, a soon got second and third part-time jobs, and was earning a decent amount of money.

This was not enough. Lathan realized that he had to go back to school. In *The Guide* he repeatedly admonishes young black men that they must serve into an institution of higher learning. "Education," he writes, is the secret of achieving the American dream." Lathan went to his local city

Budget chief goes back to private sector

By William Reed

Franklin D. Raines, whose low-key and practical approach to problems and affairs helped President Clinton bridge partisan differences to close the 1997 balanced-budget deal with congressional Republicans, has announced he will depart after less than two years as White House budget director to become chairman and chief executive of the Federal National Mortgage Association, a \$400 billion securities business agency also known as Fannie Mae.

An African American insider rivaling First Lady Vernon Jordan, Raines has long been a quiet but effective power player in both D.C. and national political circles, gliding smoothly between high-level private sector jobs and public service. At various points in his career he has advised mayors, corporate chiefs and the president, using a combination of financial savvy and personal charm.

As head of Clinton's Office of Management and Budget, Raines was part of a elite White House team that helped set a tone of cooperation that proved critical in ending the administration's bitter battles with Republicans on Capitol Hill. He was the point man at Clinton Administration efforts to promote political and financial reform year after year. NBUF has established a 1998-99 budget plan for the Clinton administration. The 49-year-old Seattle native is one of the most powerful African American civilians ever to serve in government. He is also a member of the said he regretted Raines' departure and hailed him as a "brilliant OMBO director."

William Reed is publisher of Who's Who in Black Corporate America.

Need to exchange

By Governor Christine Todd Whitman

Recent statements by national figures as diverse as President Clinton and Miss America have heightened the media's attention to the issue of government-sponsored needle-exchange programs.

Direct studies that purport to show a direct link between needle-exchange programs and a reduction in AIDS deaths among intravenous drug users. The White House published a statement acknowledging the supposed effectiveness of the program while refusing to provide federal funds for its expansion.

In issuing this essentially split decision, the White House missed an important opportunity to take an unequivocal stand against drug use.

I have long been opposed to needle-exchange programs. That opposition is not for over the years. Rather, my opposition comes from two sources: I am a mother and I am a governor.

As a mother, I learned early in my children's lives that there are some issues on which you cannot equivocate. One of those issues is the use of drugs. To those of us who care about our children, right through conflicting messages. Such messages only confuse them.

Government cannot on the one hand tell parents to keep their children safe by keeping them away from the drug trade, and on the other provide the tools for this destructive behavior. Kids just will not do it. It is like saying, "Just Say Maybe."

As a governor, I have rejected this position, not because I am insensitive to the needs of people who use drugs. New Jersey spends nearly \$60 million annually to treat AIDS patients and AIDS.

Cocaine law targets pregnant black women

By David Love

Are pregnant women child abusers? Are they drug addicts? The U.S. Supreme Court may have to wrestle with this issue soon.

On March 19, the New York-based Supreme Court of the United States petitioned the Supreme Court to reverse a decision last October by the South Carolina Supreme Court. The law is wrong because it singles out black women for punishment because it violates their right to privacy.

In 1989, a group of prosecutors in South Carolina in cooperation with the police and public hospitals, decided to start punishing pregnant women who test positive for cocaine. More than 100 women have been arrested since that time, most of them African American women who sought prenatal care.

Organizations as diverse as the ACLU of South Carolina, the American Medical Association, the March of Dimes, and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence oppose the criminalization of drug-addicted pregnant women. Courts in more than 20 states have refused to imprison these women under child abuse and drug statutes. Even the South Carolina Legislature has not endorsed such a plan.

Political Analysis

FIELD ASSIGNMENT

The Abbott ruling

By Walter Fields

The state Supreme Court has issued its latest, and possibly last, ruling in the Abbott vs. Burke school finance case. The Abbott case originated in 1981 on behalf of the state's poorest children in urban school districts. The districts are aligned with some of the state's largest cities: Newark, Camden, Paterson, East Orange and Irvington. The case's premise was simple—the state's system of funding public schools, by relying heavily on local property taxes, violated the state constitution's mandate of a "thorough and efficient" education. During the years the Abbott lawsuit has been championed by the Newark based Education Law Center. In nine previous rulings, the state Supreme Court had ruled in state to task for failing to adequately fund public education.

This last ruling would be different. In a stunning reversal, the court ruled in favor of the state. The ruling, however, can be claimed as a victory for both sides in the battle over education. In its unanimous ruling, the court rejected a lower court proposal that would have required the state to spend \$312 million annually to bring the Abbott district school to parity with their more affluent counterparts. The court accepted the state's plan to implement a "Success for All" program. "Success for All," a minimum of 50 schools per year over the next five years.

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By Deroy Murdock

Dead men tell no tales, but the questions they inspire can be immortal. This is true for James Earl Ray, the assassin who died in prison April 23 of liver failure at age 70.

Alive and well, Earl Caldwell still wonders what really happened on April 4, 1968 in Memphis. He thought he heard a bomb. The then-New York Times correspondent wrote that he saw a man arise from a crouched position in the bushes across the street. Facing the balcony above Caldwell, with a rifle, were those bushes, Andrew Young, Jesse Jackson and several of their colleagues stood in front. They saw a big explosion before the rifle exploded onto the second-story terrace. What Caldwell thought was a bomb was actually the bullet that silenced the civil rights leader.

But did it come from Ray's rifle, as the official story states? By the time Ray was shot, Caldwell and others say someone sprang from shortly after the commotion began? From elsewhere?

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

MOUNT OLIVE, N.J.—The International Trade Center Lecture Series presents Stuart Varney, CNN Business Anchor in "A Dialogue on Global Economics" at 12:30 noon. For more info, call 973-449-9098.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

NEW YORK—New York University sponsors the workshop "Internet Essentials for Executives" from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Workshop focuses on needs who have no Internet experience and want to learn quickly. For more info, call 212-996-1938.

EAST BRUNSWICK—A faith-based development conference, "Mobilizing Resources - The Art of Teamwork" will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 732-777-7272.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ Assoc. of Women Business Owners, Middlesex Chapter will have a workshop and business meeting at 6:15 through 6:45 p.m. "How to Professionally Market and Promote the Incredible You," given by Ellen Sherman. 732-640-6900.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

CHATTANOOGA—The Chattanooga Back Pages hosts the Back Pages Publishers Association's 1998 Mid Year Conference. Conference registration fee is \$80. For more info, call 423-260-5201.

NEW YORK—The National Foundation for Women Business Owners sponsors the Minority Venture Capital & Minority Business Growth Program at the Marriott Financial Center through June 12. For more info, call 212-779-3504.

NEW YORK—The Institute on African Affairs hosts the second Millennium Conference and Awards Luncheon at Plaza Hotel. The all-day program is designed to address issues facing Africa in the new millennium. For more info, call 914-633-1916.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

WEST ORANGE—The Essex-West Hudson Labor Council will have a breakfast at Market Farms at 9:30 a.m. The Council will honor U.S. Congressman William Pascrell, Jr. amongst others. 973-244-5803.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

CALDWELL, N.J.—Caldwell College will provide an "Adult Open House" from 6-10 p.m. in the Alumni Theatre to provide information to adults interested in earning a degree or obtaining new jobs. For more information, call (973) 226-4424, ext. 295.

NEW YORK—The U.S. General Services Administration sponsors a networking opportunity for Small/Small Disadvantaged/Women Entrepreneurs at the Federal Building between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more info, call 212-264-1234.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

CRANFORD—"Management Skills for Supervisors" will be presented at the Union County College through August 12, 900-755-7000.

Blacks, Hispanics fall short in SBA loans

NEWARK — A report issued by the SBA shows that although loan activity has increased, African Americans and Hispanic Americans received little dollar increases in loans given to minorities during the first six months of the fiscal year in 1998. This information comes in spite of the fact that according to SBA New Jersey District Director Francisco A. Marrero, "The 781 SBA loans received by small businesses throughout the state represented 18 percent increase over the 662 loans the agency approved during the first six months of fiscal year 1997."

The report also says New Jersey's small businesses received 781 loans for \$166.7 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) New Jersey District Office during the first six months of the agency's fiscal year 1998. Of that amount \$4.5 million went to African Americans (up slightly from \$4.3 million in '97) and \$6.4 million went to Hispanic Americans (up from \$5.0 million). The minority group to benefit the most were Asian Americans who received \$28.1 million (up from \$16.5 million in '97).

Marrero also noted that the \$166.7 million dollars the agency provided to New Jersey small businesses marked a 10 percent increase over last year's dollar amount of \$151.6 million for the same time period.

According to Marrero, this year's totals include the agency's microloan program. Under the microloan program local intermediaries provide business owners with loans up to

\$25,000. The program is separate from the SBA's Guaranty Loan Program and accounted for 39 loans for approximately \$700,000 during the first half of fiscal year '98.

"Once again, we are on our way to another great year for SBA loan approvals in New Jersey," said Marrero. "In keeping with the agency's national focus on increasing access to capital to the under-served markets, we will continue to search for opportunities to bring SBA programs and services to this fast growing segment of the small business market."

According to Marrero, the number of loans to minorities is up by 30 percent. Loans to Hispanic-Americans are up by 60 percent, loans to Asian-Americans are up 38 per-

cent, loans to African-Americans are up 26 percent, and loans to women business owners are up 49 percent.

To raise the number of loans in the under-served markets, the SBA has created its partnership with the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, the Hispanic Bankers Association and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey. They are also providing educational seminars on SBA loan and technical assistance programs to the African-American and Hispanic-American communities.

Keep in mind, that although the number of loans have increased substantially, the dollar amount for Blacks and Hispanics increased only slightly and is an issue that still must be addressed.

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Ten rules for financial planning

Dale G. Caldwell

"This week I would like to share my 'Ten Rules of Financial Planning.' These rules were developed over 10 years as a financial planner. If you follow all of these rules you should have no problem becoming financially healthy."

Rule #1: Define your financial planning goals. You need to know where you want to be financially before you can develop a plan to get there.

Rule #2: Develop a retirement plan now. The three most common retirement planning mistakes are: 1.) Not starting your retirement planning until age 35; 2.) Underestimating the amount of money you will need for retirement; and 3.) Underestimating inflation in your retirement planning. According to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, if you invested \$2,000 at the beginning of each year and received interest compounded at 8% annually, at age 65 you would have \$99,846 if you started at age 45, \$244,692 if you started at age 35 and \$599,562 if you started at age 25. Starting early makes a big difference. The value of \$1, assuming an annual inflation rate of only 3% would be worth 86 cents in five years, 64 cents in 15 years and 48 cents in 25 years according to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. You must consider the diminishing value of money in your retirement plan.

Rule #3: Maintain an excellent credit record. Credit is one of the keys to maximizing your financial health. To purchase a home or other investments you must have excellent credit. Unfortunately, because many people live beyond their means, their credit is often poor. You should do everything possible to pay your bills on time and maintain excellent credit. Review your personal credit report at least once a year to make sure that there are no mistakes on the report.

Rule #4: Develop a personal budget, income statement, balance sheet and financial planning pyramid.

(FPP). This information will let you know how healthy you are financially. If you do not know how to do this you should contact a financial planner for assistance.

Rule #5: Learn how to read the financial section of the Wall Street Journal. This is an inexpensive way to follow investments and get a better understanding of financial markets.

Rule #6: Focus on building your net worth. People are too focused on income and know very little about their personal net worth. Your personal balance sheet will indicate your net worth.

Rule #7: Make sure that you have sufficient liquid and semi-liquid assets to pay your living expenses for at least six months. Experts estimate that most people who lose their new job within six months. A large portion of this money can be invested in conservative mutual funds since you can typically access this money within a week.

Rule #8: Put as much money as you can in your company's 401K Plan, Keogh or SEP. These pre-tax retirement planning vehicles are excellent ways to save a lot of money. **Rule #9:** Do everything that you can to minimize your taxes and pay them on time. Remember that tax planning is better than tax reacting. You should make investments and tax deductible contributions to lower your tax bracket.

Rule #10: Find a financial planner that is concerned about your total financial health. Finding a financial planner is like finding a doctor. You should interview at least three financial planners before you pick one to work with you. If you would like more information how to find a financial planner please call me at (212) 439-4493.

Dale Caldwell is a National Recruiting Director with Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group.

Close idle or expensive credit accounts

NEW BRUNSWICK — Have you ever: (a) received a credit card from a store just to get 10 percent deducted from a large purchase? Or (b) accepted gifts with your favorite sports team or college logo on it just for completing an application for a credit card?

If you said "yes" and have no need for the credit accounts, do yourself a favor and close the accounts immediately after paying your bill in full. Simply contact the credit card issuer and ask them to "close" the account. Otherwise you do not plan to use it the future.

Remember that cutting up a card does not "close" an account. Instead, you must contact the credit card issuer in writing and include your account number with your request. Also, inform your creditor that the account has been closed.

Why is it important to close unnecessary credit accounts? According to Extension family economics specialists at Penn State University, unused credit accounts may prevent you from getting a better interest rate on a new credit card. As long as an account is open, creditors see it as a possible account for you to make charges to.

Most lenders do not automatically

close accounts even when they have not been used for some time. You must request that your credit accounts be closed if you do not plan to use them anymore.

When using credit cards, it is also important to avoid paying more than necessary.

The following tips can save you money:

*** Minimum Payments**
Always pay more than the minimum required amount so that credit card balances don't take years, even decades, to pay off.

*** Skip A-Month Payments**
These are often used around the December holiday season when many consumers use their credit cards to buy gifts. Just remember that interest charges still continue during the months when you don't make monthly payments, thus increasing the total cost of purchases.

*** Cash Advances**
Use with care! There is no grace period when you get cash advance using your credit card and most credit cards charge a fee each time you advance is taken. In addition, interest charges begin to accrue immediately and continue until your bill is paid in full.

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INVITATION TO BID HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway for New Housing Systems and Controls at N.J.S. 17:27, Glendinning Homes and New Kitchens, Bathrooms and Interior Finishes at N.J.S. 17:27, Glendinning Homes and N.J.S. 26-2, JKS Apartments.

Bids for the above will be received by the Housing Authority in its office located at 165 East Grand Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey at 11:00 a.m. of July 1998 and will immediately be opened and read aloud thereafter. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, 12 June 1998 at Housing Authority Offices.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file during the business day at the Architects office located at 676 Valley Brook Avenue, Lynhurst, New Jersey. Copies thereof may be obtained upon paying a non-refundable deposit of One Hundred (\$100.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks shall be made payable to Paul J. De Masi AIA.

All required bids, conditions and other items required to be submitted by bidders are to be prepared on the proposal forms issued and the bid package. The bid bond (surety) is to be 10% (ten percent) of the total bid.

All bonds used to satisfy the bid surety requirements must be issued by surety firms licensed to issue such bonds in the State of New Jersey and be listed in the United States Treasury Circular No. 570 (T-570) and regardless of the method the bidder proposes to meet the bid surety requirement, it must also produce with the bid a Certificate of Surety written by a Titled surety. Registry in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570 as a requirement is hereby made and the foregoing requirements that the surety company be listed in T-570 shall be as a condition of award.

The successful bidder will also be required to produce 100% payment and performance bond written by a Titled surety, prior to the Authorities issuance of a notice to proceed.

The Housing Authority of the City of Rahway reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any irregularities in the bids received, and accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority may also award the contract to one or more bidders.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

This project is being executed with Comprehensive Grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING UNITS ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) are co-sponsoring the development of a Housing Technology Demonstration Plant in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a means for the construction of a new, single-story or semi-detached homes, utilizing innovative technology in either the construction or the financing of the project.

In this regard, CRDA and NJIT are seeking proposals from home building firms for the construction of up to seven (7) homes utilizing the following construction techniques:

- *Panelized wood frame
- *Wood frame with solar energy
- *Light steel frame
- *Structural reinforced panels

Firms interested in submitting a pre-bid meeting to be held at CRDA's offices at 1014 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Copies of the request for proposals will only be distributed at the pre-bid meeting.

One or more home building firms will be selected to participate in this project. If selected, your firm will be required to submit a copy of the request for proposals to CRDA at 1014 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

Proposals will be required to be received by CRDA at its office by Tuesday, June 16, 1998. No late proposals will be accepted.

Questions are to be directed to:

Peter Kasil, AIA
Director of Housing and Building Technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Center for Architecture and Building
380 Rutherford Avenue
University Heights
Newark NJ 07102-1062
Tel. No. 973-698-3098

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Local Briefs

Paterson Habitat for Humanity receives grant from UPS

PATERSON—Paterson Habitat for Humanity will receive a \$50,000 grant from the UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of United Parcel Service. The grant will be used to build a home within the Paterson community.

United Parcel Service's Metro Jersey District was responsible for sponsoring Paterson Habitat for Humanity and their requests for assistance. "Now, more than ever, is the time for the corporate world to make investments that support organizations which are working to develop communities nationwide," said Phil Harris, district manager for the Metro Jersey District.

"Paterson Habitat for Humanity is overjoyed by the response that United Parcel has given to us and our project," said Barbara Dunn, "UPS has not only assisted Paterson Habitat for Humanity with this grant, but they have also provided us with many volunteers who have helped construct some of our existing homes."

Fashion promoter holds show in memory of his teenage son

NEWARK—Cornell Simpson was more than a successful fashion show promoter and producer. He was a loving father who lost his 16-year-old son, and namesake to a heart disorder.

A Fashion Show, Buffet and Concert, in loving memory of the late East Orange High School senior will take place June 28 at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, in Newark.

Mr. Simpson said his son had plans for his life. He wanted to become a lawyer. He remembers his son as one who not only worked towards excellence but wanting to make a difference. He has issued a call of support in order to make this event a success. Proceeds will be awarded to a worthy student at East Orange High School who is striving to become the best that he or she can be.

For more information on this show, call 973-672-4167

Foster care age limit extension proposed

TRENTON—Assemblymen William D. Payne and Craig A. Stanley have introduced legislation that would extend long-term foster care eligibility to young people up to the age of 21.

The bill (A-2083) would protect orphaned youths who have not found a permanent home when they reach age 18. It also would assure protection of a child's health, safety and physical welfare until age 21.

"How can we expect a child, who has come from an unstable home, to be ready to live independently at the age of 18?" asked Payne. "At 18, most kids have just begun maturing. They need those additional three years of foster care benefits before they are ready to get out on their own."

College awards grants to high school students

NEWARK—Essex County College has been awarded a \$195,000 state grant for a pre-college enrichment program designed to help Newark high school students pursue higher education in the sciences, mathematics and technologies.

The new initiative—one of 15 College Bound programs recently funded by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education—will target 50 students currently attending West Side, Central and Malcolm X Shabazz high schools in the state's largest school district.

"ECC's involvement in this program is a natural extension of the college's long history of developing partnerships with the Newark school system to help young people succeed and prepare for their future," said Beverly Foster, ECC director of Special Programs.

Although open to all Newark secondary students, the ECC program will specifically target the three high schools whose students are in particularly acute need of intervention, Foster said.

Two Plainfield residents to receive free training

PLAINFIELD—The Hi-Tech Training School, which teaches courses in heavy equipment operation, presented the Union County Department of Human Services with two full scholarships for eligible minorities or women who live in Plainfield.

The division is asking all interested minorities and women in Plainfield to stop by the county's job training office at 120 West 7th Street for additional information. For additional information on this program, or about job training opportunities, please contact the county's job training office at 908-289-8409.

Community leaders help youth link with golf

ELIZABETH—Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. and other civic and business leaders from the City of Plainfield recently hit the links for the first annual Plainfield Minority Golf Association outing. Beside playing 18 holes, the group used the outing as a membership drive. One of the goals of the association is to bring the game of golf, and the skills and benefits that go with it, to young people in Plainfield and the surrounding area.

In addition to involving young people in the game of golf, the association hopes to connect them with adults on the links. The association's board of directors chose members who have a strong commitment to working with young people in their community.

"There are very few opportunities for minority youth to learn the game of golf and all that it imparts," said Freeholder Mingo.

"This association will give young people the opportunity to learn the game from volunteer golfers and golf instructors from the Plainfield area."

An avid golfer himself, Freeholder Mingo said that the social and professional connections golf makes available are as important as the game itself.

"Beside being a good recreational activity, golf teaches patience, persistence, discipline and good sportsmanship," Freeholder Mingo said.

"The association will provide an opportunity for civic and business leaders to be mentors and role models for young people involved in the program," Mingo said. A Plainfield resident, Freeholder Mingo is a member of the Plainfield Youth Development Tennis Association and has been involved in the organization for more than 15 years.



The Plainfield Minority Golf Association recently held its first outing at Hillsborough Country Club. The group is dedicated to bringing the game of golf to young people in Plainfield and eventually throughout Union County. Participants are, from left, Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., Ellis Heister, Steve Cobbell, Troy Pittman, Dan Morgan and David Wynn.

Spears new head of landmark group

NEWARK—Rose M. Spears, a community leader and leader and retired federal official, has been elected president of the Newark Preservation Committee.

Spears, a lifelong Newark resident, is the first African-American to head the committee. She and her husband Jack reside in a century-old Victorian home on Broad Street.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd in the city. The new president said one of her first goals will be "to promote the establishment of a publicly accessible, permanent memorabilia site" on Newark's baseball history. This could be at the new minor league stadium to be built on Broad Street in downtown Newark.

Spears said it is important for residents and visitors to learn about the Newark Eagles, who were in the old Negro League, as well as the Newark Bears, a Yankee farm club in the International League. Both teams, which played in the old Ruppert Stadium, Wilson Avenue, won league championships and produced many major-league stars.

In recent years, Spears, who was formerly an international examiner for the Internal Revenue Service, has devoted much of her energy to Quality of Life, a nonprofit community group which she founded and directs. The group sponsors educational book grants to needy students, and youth recreational activities. It also hosts reunions of former residents of Newark's first public housing project, Baxter Terrace. Spears has a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Rutgers University, and a Master's in taxation from the University. She recently worked as a teacher in the public schools.



Landmarks Preservation Committee president Rose Spears



Last year, the Summer Transportation Initiative enabled this group of Essex County teens to visit Washington, D.C.

Transportation initiative aids community organizations

NEWARK—As the school year draws to a close and underprivileged youths in Essex County contemplate their summer activities, many will come up empty-handed. One beacon of hope for these youths is the Corporate Summer Transportation Initiative, spearheaded by Prudential Local Initiatives, which helped over 2,000 children last year by bringing local corporations and associations together to support school groups and community-based organizations seeking summer program transportation funds.

Corporations joining Prudential in this 5th annual initiative include:

Bell Atlantic, Hoffman La Roche, Inc., MCI Foundation, PSEG, United Way of Essex & West Hudson and Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement.

The deadline for non-profit organizations seeking transportation funds is June 4. Requests for applications should be faxed to Monica Bailey of the Regional Business Partnership at 973-524-6387. For additional information call Monica at 973-242-6237. The Renaissance Newark Foundation, a philanthropic arm of the Regional Business Partnership will serve as a conduit for administering the funds.

Black United Fund hosts Tony Brown

PLAINFIELD—Noted television and radio personality Tony Brown will be speaking at the Black United Fund community center on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Brown's topic, "Strategies for Economic Empowerment," is part of the Frontiers' Actions That Make a Difference" forum series. This series is designed to focus community attention on solutions to critical problems and to stimulate positive actions.

Brown, host of Tony Brown's Journal seen Saturday mornings on WNET13 and heard on WLIB 1590 AM radio Monday-Thursday at 2 p.m., has been a broadcast journalist for more than 25 years. He has authored several books, *Black Lies*, *White Lies: The Truth According to Tony Brown*, and his latest *Empower the People*.

Admission is free. For more information, call the BUF community center, 908-361-0123.



Tony Brown



Doing influential things: Mayor Sharpe James, second from left, cuts the ribbon dedicating Terrell James Park on Johnson Avenue in Newark's South Ward in memory of a local youngster who, while dribbling a basketball across the street, was killed by a hit and run driver. The Mayor was joined in the dedication by, from left, Rep. Edward Smart, James Sulte, Principal of Belmont-Runyon School where Terrell was a student, Renee James, mother of the youth, and schools superintendent Beverly Hall. Youngsters from the Belmont-Runyon school choir performed during the dedication ceremonies.

Men of influence: Sharpe James and Donald Payne

NEWARK—Being known as an influential person is nothing new for Newark Mayor Sharpe James or Congressman Donald Payne. Both were chosen as recipients of the City News 100 Most Influential Award in 1996.

To demonstrate the range of influence that these men command, both James and Payne have been named by *Ebony Magazine* as one of its "100 Most Influential Black Americans."

This year's selection puts them in the company of Oprah Winfrey and Michael Jordan, Kenneth I. Chenault, president of American Express, U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, and Jesse L. Jackson of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"I am proud to be part of *Ebony Magazine's* list of '100 Most Influential Black Americans,'" James, who has been named for the second year in a row, said. "It is extremely rewarding to know that the work of my administration has been recognized by such an important national magazine. As the influence of African-Americans expands, cities like Newark will be able to assume their rightful position of importance on the national scene."

The *Ebony* editors and other experts made their final recommendations on the candidates based on the answers to two major questions: Does the individual transcend his or her position and command widespread national influence? Does the individual affect in a decisive and positive way the lives, thinking, and actions of large segments of the Black population, either by his or her position in a key group or by his or her personal reach and influence.

Paul Robeson honored in Assembly

TRENTON—The State Assembly passed a resolution that would honor Paul Robeson for his distinguished life and achievements. The Resolution would amend Robeson, a New Jersey native and son of a former slave, for his achievements in the fields of academics, athletics, theatre, film, music and civil rights.

"Paul Robeson was a shining star in New Jersey—a true Renaissance man," said Assembly Democratic Leader Pro-Temporary Joseph Charles, Jr. "The state should formally honor him for his contributions to New Jersey and his fellow man. Robeson graduated high school at the age of 16 and went on to become valedictorian of his class at Rutgers University."

After earning his law degree at Columbia University, Robeson became an acclaimed actor on stage and in film. This work led to his induction into the National Theatre Hall of Fame, becoming the organizations first African-American member. Furthermore, he was a defender of human rights and was ostracized by the government and the entertainment industry for his fight against racism and discrimination.

"Robeson's life is the portrait of the American dream," said Charles. "He fought with hard work and perseverance, anyone can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. His life serves as an inspiration to all of New Jersey's youth."

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Loans weigh on black students

BRAINTREE, Mass.—Sixty-nine percent of African-Americans who enrolled in college but did not finish said they left because of high student loan debt as opposed to 43 percent of white students who cited the same reason. What's more, 99 percent of African-American student loan borrowers feel extremely or very burdened by their student loan payments, according to the results of the National Student Loan Survey.

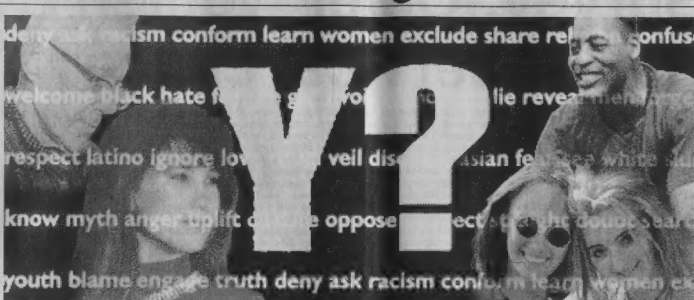
In addition, 17 percent of African-American student loan borrowers have student loan payments that are greater than 15 percent of their monthly income, and 60 percent of these borrowers with that high burdened income.

Data showed that the average student loan debt level, from a population of approximately 65 percent undergraduate borrowers and 35 percent graduate borrowers, increased from \$8,200 in 1991 to \$18,800 in 1997. The average debt level for African-American students was \$16,800.

Borrowers said that their college education debt is causing them to delay starting families, purchasing homes and making other major life decisions. African-Americans accounted for five percent of all respondents.

Several factors have contributed to increases in borrowing, including rising college costs, less availability of grant aid, increased eligibility for federal loans beginning in 1992, a larger percentage of older "independent" students who have little family financial help, and rising salaries that have not yet caught up from the wage stabilization that began with the early 1990s recession.

To address the issue of student loan debt burden, surveys encourage greater debt management education for borrowers, employer assistance in repaying employee student loans, and college and university financial aid packages that are not heavily comprised of loans.



THE NATIONAL FORUM ON PEOPLE'S DIFFERENCES

Why ask 'Y?': Few issues taboo on diversity web site

By Ron Word
Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Why do some gay men feel they have to sound gay? Why do blacks have larger than average lips?

Questions generally reserved for familiar friends and comfortable surroundings are receiving a public airing—and spirited debate—on an Internet website that spares no feelings in addressing them.

"Y? The National Forum of People's Differences" was started in March as a way for people from different ethnic or cultural backgrounds to get answers to questions that may be too embarrassing or uncomfortable to pose in person.

Phillip J. Milano, founder and editor of the site, said that roughly two out of every three questions deal with race and about 75 percent of those are black and white issues. He estimated about 90 percent of the questions are true and another 10 to 15 percent are hostile and venting. "I post the type of questions that other people get fired for. The site is not for the faint of heart," he said.

He depends on answers from readers who can provide particular insight on an issue—gays, blacks, Asians, women.

"I have no agenda other than to get people to talk," said Milano, an editor at The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville. The only taboo topics

are hot-button issues of the day: abortion, politics, war, affirmative action, the death penalty. Milano feels those issues are adequately covered in newspapers, radio call-in shows and talk shows. Also banned are overt racist questions and those involving sexual technique.

The question on gays elicited an eight-sentence response from Dennis P., who identified himself as a homosexual from Tucson, Ariz.

"I think the answer lies in the question. Why do some straight men feel they have to sound macho?"

"Sometimes, whether it is a gay or straight man, the reason is simply that he is advertising for a mate (or at least a sexual encounter)," he said. Jeffrey A. Starke of Pensacola also

reads and writes in the Y? forum and follows issues relating to black men. "I like the avenue to be able to dispel some of the myths or beliefs that others have about black men," said Starke, who is black. Some questions generate more answers than others.

The one on black lips elicited at least 12 responses during a recent check of the site. "Average compared to what?" said Alex, 39, of Lawrenceville, Ga. "It's all a matter of how you define what average is—and in this country 'average' means 'white.' This means that anything that isn't white is therefore different or non-average. See how strange that is."

The Y? Forum's website is www.yforum.com.

Check a used car for trouble

FLORHAM PARK—In the market for a new car, but sidelined by sticker shock? Have you considered a used car?

How can you be sure the used car you're considering will be reliable? "It's worth the \$60 to \$100 average price you'll spend to have a mechanic inspect a used vehicle," said Fischer. "But before you do that, give the car a thorough check yourself." The following are some suggestions for checking a used car:

- Look for misaligned body panels or mismatched paint, which can indicate the car has been in an accident. Check outdoors when the light is good.

- Check for rust on and under the doors, under the carpeting, around the wheel opening and inside the trunk. Rust is expensive to fix — and if it has spread too far, it can be impossible to fix permanently.

- Check for drips under the vehicle. Whether it's engine oil, gasoline, transmission fluid, brake fluid, or engine coolant, repairs could be expensive.

- Try all the controls and check the displays. Make sure all the lights are working.

- When the ignition is turned on, make sure the "check engine" light comes on while the computer conducts the bulb check on the dash panel. If the light doesn't come on, it could mean the bulb was removed to conceal a problem with the engine emissions.

- Drive on a level road. The car should track straight, without constant steering correction. Pulling to one side could mean front-end misalignment — a minor problem — or a frame that's badly twisted from a crash.

- On a quiet street with no traffic nearby, step smartly on the brakes. The car should stop without pulling to either side.

- With the engine idling, pull the dipstick from the automatic transmission and check that the fluid is cherry red, the sign of a healthy transmission.

- There should be no burnt smell or bubbles on the stick. The transmission should shift smoothly and distinctly from gear to gear without clunking or hesitating. A manual transmission shouldn't grind when you shift, and the clutch should engage smoothly, without slipping or grabbing.

- Acceleration should be smooth. With the transmission in low gear, accelerate to about 15 mph. Then release the accelerator, let the speed drop to about 5 mph, and floor the accelerator. A cloud of blue smoke from the tailpipe is a sign of an engine that burns oil.

- A cloud of white smoke may also indicate a problem with an engine. Wisps of white smoke on a cold, damp day for just a few minutes after the engine is started are normal.

Generation X gift choices for graduates

(ARA) — Once upon a time, graduation gifts were fairly easy to select: a fancy dress watch, briefcase, class ring, luggage, pen and pencil set, or maybe even a trip abroad. Still popular choices, these gifts are part of a broadening spectrum that includes both modern day-updates and some unconventional alternatives.

What should you get for your favorite grad?

- Don't settle for a traditional personal calendar/address book, key or a pocket-sized electronic one instead.

- Typewriters are a thing of the past, but a nifty laptop computer is bound to be well received.

- No more stationary! Send your graduate off with a pre-paid phone card, beeper or cellular phone as a way to stay in touch.

- Can't afford a trip to Europe? A virtual vacation is the next best thing. Visit www.virtual-vacation.com and send your graduate to an exotic location.

- Or, if a monetary gift suits you best, don't be too quick to give cash. Why not start your graduate off on the right foot with a contribution to a Roth IRA in his or her name?

Notables explore women's sexuality

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The 1998 Mobil African American Women on Tour conference series to Detroit (May 29-31); Philadelphia (June 5-7); Brooklyn, N.Y. (July 10-12); Washington, D.C. (Aug. 21-23); and Atlanta (Aug. 28-30) explores the sexual images, mores, experiences and journeys of Black women nationwide.

In each AAOWT conference on Saturday, 4-30 pm - 6:30 pm, women openly dialogue about their sexual identities and journeys as shaped by family and religious teachings, positive and negative experiences in children and adults, and media images.

Moderated by Debra Jackson Gandy, author of the best-selling book *Sacred Pampering Principles: A Woman's Guide to Self-Care and Inner Renewal* in four cities; and talk show host/author Bertice Berry in Philadelphia, audiences explore the virtues and contradictions of Bible-centered principles regarding sex, monogamy and women's sexual roles in and outside of marriage; as well as earnest discussions about mixed-education, childhood abuse, heterosexual-



Bertice Berry

ity, promiscuity and "non-conventional" sexual explorations.

The Sexuality Forum is just one event of this multifaceted Black women's empowerment conference series, which include keynote presentations by best-selling author Iyanla Vanzant in all AAOWT cities; vocalist Gladys Knight in Detroit and Washington, D.C.; Spelman College President Emeritus Johnnetta Cole and actress Sheryl Lee Ralph in Philadelphia; songstress Melba Moore in Washington, D.C.; and Maya



Angelou and Phyllis Yvonne Stickey

Angelou and Phyllis Yvonne Stickey in Atlanta. Minister Ava Muhammad and the Rev. Terri McFadden serve as tone setters in select cities. Many published authors will present workshops on career and business development, health and fitness, spiritual growth and personal development.

For more information, contact AAOWT at 3914 Murphy Canyon Road, Ste. 216, San Diego, CA 92123; 1-800-566-2298; e-mail to aaowt@mindmap.com; or visit its website at www.aaowt.com.

A&P Tennis Classic scheduled July 13

MAHWAH—The 21st Annual A&P Tennis Classic, featuring many of the biggest names in women's professional tennis, will open this year on Monday, July 13. The week long tournament continues through Sunday, July 19th at the Crowne Plaza Corporate Center in Mahwah. The event, which according to Tournament Director, John Korff, started out as "a court with a few hundred bleacher seats around it," is now considered one of the top tournaments in the world, drawing approximately 70,000 fans to the state each year. The Classic's impressive list of past champions reads like a "Who's Who" of women's tennis with names like Chris Evert, Monica Seles, Jennifer Capriati, Stef Grif, Martina Navratilova and countless others representing the top

women's players of the past two decades.

Considered one of the region's premier "Entertainment Festivals," the Classic will feature much more than just great tennis action. A wealth of festival-like attractions including hot air balloons and hundreds of vendors offering sampling booths, interactive displays, games and contests help make the experience fun for the whole family. In addition, tournament organizers have announced the return of the Pepsi ACU Chili Cook-Off, the beer and wine tasting garden and a clinic for beginners featuring a surprise tennis legend.

Individual tickets are available by phone through TicketMaster at 201-507-8900 or 212-307-7171. Box, series, group, mail order and walk-in tickets are



1997 A&P Tennis Classic Champion, Chamda Rubin

available through the tournament office at 201-825-9100. For details on all of the events throughout the week, you can reach the Classic on the web at www.tennisclassic.com.

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Religion Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

MONTCLAIR—Prophetic Explosion '98 conference, "Moving to the Next Level" will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 973-783-1010.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

PLAINFIELD—Rev. Tracey L. Brown will be the guest preacher at the House of Prayer Church of God in Christ at 7 p.m. 908-298-1147.

PLAINFIELD—Senator R. Lautenberg will speak at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Shalom, honoring Rabbi Gerald A. Goldman on his retirement, 908-756-5447.

PLAINFIELD—Fountain Baptist Church presents Choral in Celebration 7 p.m. at Plainfield High School, 908-665-5862.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

EAST BRUNSWICK—Faith Based Economic Development Conference sponsored by NJ Urban Economic Development Coalition will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at East Brunswick Hilton Hotel, exit 9, NJ Turnpike, 973-481-6850.

NEW YORK—Lincoln Center's 5th Annual Rev. Gospel Concert at the new stage at 6 p.m. 212-736-3777.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK—A Revival will be held at Metropolitan Baptist Church through the 10th led by Rev. Dr. David Jefferson beginning at 7:30 p.m. 973-733-3007.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

NEW BRUNSWICK—The On-Broadway play entitled, "Annie's Chance," a gospel musical drama, written by Melanie Marie Ford will perform at the New Brunswick through August 2nd, 732-247-2981.

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Prophetic Explosion '98



Pastor David Ireland

MONTCLAIR—All over the world the church is experiencing revival and renewal. The Holy Spirit is causing powerful things to happen. Salvation, deliverance, restoration of the knowledge and experience of the love of God are all commonplace happenings.

Prophetic Explosion '98 is our way of bringing focus to the people in our span of care that during June 4-7, Christ Church will be waiting on God for renewal and strength. This time also marks our 12th anniversary as a church. Accordingly we are looking to the Holy Spirit for instruction and empowerment that would result in our moving to the Next Level of ministry effectiveness.

David Ireland is the founder and senior pastor of Christ Church, a multi-racial and culturally diverse congregation representing over 25 nationalities, located in Montclair, New Jersey. An internationally known orator and author, Pastor David has traveled and ministered to local churches, universities, and conferences. His most recent work, "Activating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" has also received national recognition. A former civil and mechanical engineer, Pastor David uses a keen analytical style in dissecting complex biblical concepts and translating them into practical applications. Continuing his quest for excellence, Pastor David with graduate degrees in engineering and theology, is currently a doctoral candidate in theology.

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

We wear the mask that grins and lies, it hides our cheeks and shades our eyes. This debt we pay to human guile; With torn and bleeding hearts we smile, And mouth with myriad sulcs

Why should the world be other-wise, In counting all our tears and sighs? Nay, let them only see us while we wear the mask.

—Paul Laurence Dunbar

Are you as the kids say, "perpetrator" or "thief"? Does the persona you present to the world reflect your true thoughts, feelings and aspirations? Is your demeanor a mask? If so, do you ever let your guard down and reveal your true self? Because we were brought to this hemisphere in chains, Africans have had to wear a mask, put on a front. We've had to hide our bewilderment and disorientation at being in unfamiliar surroundings and a hostile, absurd and untenable predicament. While submitting to the slave master's lash and his psychotic attempts to recast us from Africans

into slaves, mamies, coons, and jigaboos, we hid our feelings. We had to suppress the pain and rage we felt at the liberties they took with our women and children. When we were forced to watch as they beat, lynched, castrated or tortured our fathers, uncles, brothers, sons and friends. We had to pretend their savagery did not shake us to the core. When we were heartlessly and forcibly separated from loved ones, or bred like animals, we had to disguise our repulsiveness and heartbreak. We had to as Paul Laurence Dunbar brilliantly lamented in his poem "We Wear the Mask," "... smile, but O Great Christ, our cries to thee from tortured souls arise."

Wearing a mask to prevent our adversaries from knowing what we truly thought and felt was a survival tactic. It prevented us from going stark raving mad. Unfortunately wearing the mask has impacted upon our relationships with one another. For years the stoic, almost nonplussed stance of brothers hid an inner tension, pain and angst that manifested itself in elevated blood pressure, autogenic diseases, and premature

death. And because we even wore the mask amongst ourselves, brothers refused to cry or crack even in the company of their best friends who were "catching the same hell." They felt they had to keep up appearances, continue the charade. When we did lash out, often it was against ourself.

Over the years the masks have varied. During the harshest times, we chose to wear the masks of timidity and docility to fend off the psychological and physical attacks society heaped upon us. Later the stance of detached nonchalance became the vogue. Now we witness the veil of "croch hand" defiance and false bravado. It's all an act. Our seething anger still remains directed at mostly ourselves and those that look like us.

The ever escalating homicide and suicide rates are a testament to the pathology of Black America. But, it's healing time, time to take off the masks and be honest with ourselves. We have to "less up" and share our feelings and seek comfort and solace with one another. Of course our situation still demands we remain cognizant of when to wear a mask. It's

still advisable to be cautious around Whites. Racism is still alive and well, despite their claims America is a color blind society.

To heal ourselves, we must choose to come to grips with our situation and learn to love ourselves individually and collectively. We are designer originals, products of Infinite Wisdom and Love. It is insane, counter productive and disastrous to think otherwise. We need to drop the masks, and start relating to one another in honest, trusting and sensitive manner. It will not be easy. Old habits are hard to break. We have been programmed to distrust each other. But we can choose to change. We can choose to create a new reality for ourselves. We can choose to be authentic and honest with each other. Starting now, lovingly embrace and honor yourself. Thoroughly convince yourself you are lovely and lovable. Act accordingly. Be honest, loving and supportive of those who look like you. Diligently work on it every day. Put down the mask, open up, embrace your brothers and sisters. Above all be your true self.

Sen. Lautenberg to speak at Rabbi's retirement

PLAINFIELD—Senator Frank R. Lautenberg will speak on Friday, June 5, at 7:30 PM, at Temple Shalom in Plainfield, at a service honoring Rabbi Gerald A. Goldman on his retirement.

For the past twenty-five years of service, Rabbi Goldman will also be faced by the children in the Religious School during the service read by thirteen adults members of the Temple's adult Oneg Shabbat will conclude the evening.

Rabbi Goldman was an active participant in the Temple's award-winning Adult Education program and has actively reached out to intermarried families who are looking to find a spiritual home and raise their children as Jews. "Judaism is not a kindergarten religion," the Rabbi has said, "but a philosophy of life, both challenge and comfort for adults who must struggle with child-rearing, caring for elderly parents, and at the same time, caring for a living and holding onto their dreams."

Serving as a Jewish presence to comfort the victims of racism and oppression has been the Rabbi's vision for the Temple ever since he came to Plainfield in 1973. Twice each year, the Temple opens its doors to the homeless, involving the youth and adult members in preparing the rooms, cooking meals, and entertaining the children.

The Rabbi also developed a unique study-trip to Poland to visit the sites of the Holocaust for teenagers, following a year of study. "We go to see with our own eyes what happened," said the Rabbi, "and to understand why it happened. We light candles at Auschwitz and commit ourselves to fight racism wherever it is found today. We return stronger and better people."

The entire community is invited to the service on June 5, at 7:30 PM, honoring Rabbi Goldman, Temple Shalom is located at 815 West Seventh Street in Plainfield.

Rev. Tracey L. Brown guest speaker at House of Prayer

PLAINFIELD—Reverend Tracey L. Brown will be the guest preacher at the House of Prayer Church of God in Christ on June 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 641 S. 2nd St., Plainfield, NJ. Bishop William Calhoun is the Pastor.

Reverend Brown is a native of Newark, New Jersey who graduated from Montclair State University carrying a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She attended New York Theological Seminary and is a candidate in the Masters of divinity Program at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Her parents served on the Deacon and Deaconess Board where she attended, the Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Called into the ministry at the age of thirteen, she preached her first sermon and

received her Ministers license through the Official Boards of Sunlight Baptist Church.

She along with her family moved to Plainfield, New Jersey in 1976 and joined the Community Baptist Church and was ordained on December 15, 1991 under the Pastoral recommendation of Reverend William Alston.

Reverend Brown is an associate Pastor at the House of Prayer Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, under the Pastoral Leadership of Rev. M. Laverne Ball. Reverend Brown is the Minister and Founder of Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Inc. based in Plainfield, N.J. She is a former school teacher, and is currently employed by the Union County Youth Service Bureau located in Linden, N.J., as a family and neighborhood counselor.

Faith based economic development conference

EAST BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Urban Development Coalition will present a major event—a conference designed to provide Houses of Worship and other faith based organizations with the knowledge to successfully organize and operate economic development programs and businesses. This event takes place June 6th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East Brunswick Hilton Hotel, Exit 9, NJ Turnpike.

This historic event will bring together church administrators, Pastors, Imams, Trustees, non-profit and for profit small businesses, banks and credit unions, community based organizations, college students and National Black Organizations. They all will participate in Plenary sessions with featured speakers:

- Bishop William Calhoun, Church of God in Christ, Plainfield
- Bishop James Everett, Deliverance Jesus Is Coming Association, Irvington
- Bishop Donald L. Hilliard, Jr., Cathedral Second Baptist Church, Perth Amboy
- Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Orange
- Rev. Calvin McKinney, Calvary Baptist Church, Garfield
- Rev. DeForest "Buster" Soaries, First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, New Brunswick
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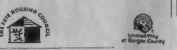
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Lincoln Center's fifth annual gospel concert

NEW YORK—Drawing a record crowd last year, the Unbroken Chain proudly returns to Lincoln Center for its 5th Annual Free Gospel Concert at Damrosch Park on Saturday, June 6 at 6 p.m. You'll love the hip-hop dancing and rap featuring these Broadway performers. Combine that with gospel, jazz, and a touch of the classics and you have the Unbroken Chain! The New York Times says, "... they sound good. Furthermore, there's a point to it."

Under the pastoral guidance of Dr. Maria D. Lites, the Unbroken Chain's music ministry is an ensemble of writers, singers, musicians, dancers, and actors; many of whom have had prestigious Broadway and/or recording careers.

The group includes among others Charles Murray (original casts of "Dreamgirls" and "Honkey Tonk Night"), Larry McRae (toured and recorded with Roberta Flack, Marvin Hamlisch, George Benson, etc.),

Teresa Parker (Broadway's "Ain't Misbehavin'"), Marilyn Cole (Broadway credits include "Your Arms Too Short to Box with God"), Greg Mowry (originated lead role in Broadway's "Starlight Express" Star Search male vocalist champion), Stephen Glavin (principal role in Broadway's "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"), featured in Michael Jackson's "Bad" video, 1985 World Hip-Hop Champion) and Carol Doscher (Broadway's "Candide" and original cast member of "Sweetie Todd").

This multicultural group travels around the world and has made numerous appearances on Trinity Broadcasting Network's "Praise the Lord" show. Writing their own music, recordings include "Redeemed," "Tell the World" and "Cristo es Digno" and "Gesu Ama L'Italia". For further information, call 212-736-3777.

Restoration 1998

celebrated in Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Tampa celebrated Restoration '98 with a simple and straightforward message: It's up to churches to break down racial, denominational and gender barriers.

The annual event is a day of much prayer and worship that brings Christian churches throughout the Tampa Bay area together. It drew nearly 2,000 people Saturday to the Sun Dome.

"The church is supposed to be one big family, but it usually doesn't operate that way," said the Rev. Abe Brown, a black minister from First Baptist Church of College Hill. "We have to break down those walls and get out to the streets."

The keynote speaker was Tony Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and founder of Urban Alternatives, both based in Dallas. An author who preaches on radio, television and at rallies, Evans offered advice on what churches need to be doing.

"There's been a steady decline in the conscience of the community," he said. "The church's role is to raise that moral conscience."

People can begin by getting involved in their churches. If their church doesn't have a ministry that suits them, then start one, Evans said. With nearly half-million churches in the United States, that's the largest potential volunteer force in this country, he said.

Among his suggestions: offer job training to help get people off welfare; start a mentoring program for fatherless children; sponsor teen clubs with activities to keep troubled youth off the streets and off drugs. Evans said Tampa is not the only community in the country in need of healing. He urged people to get their churches to take collective action to reach out to society's hurting population.

The Rev. Randy White of Wilbourn Walls International Church came to the conference from the funeral for Tampa police detectives Randy Bell and Ricky Childers, slain in the line of duty. "We can take what happened this week and let it defeat us, or we can build on it," he said. "I choose to take this horrible tragedy as an inspiration to do something positive. My challenge is to all churches to get out of their comfort zone."

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

RED BANK—RIVERFEST '98 presents a free outdoor jazz and blues summer series and culinary delights through June 7 at Marine Park. Performers include Jimmy McGuffin and Tal Farlow. For more info, call 732-741-0055.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

NEW YORK—The Museum of the City of New York in conjunction with Big Onion Walking Tours sponsors "Multi-Ethnic East Harlem Walking Tour" offers a two-hour walking tour of East Harlem at 1 p.m. For more info, call 212-534-1672, ext. 327.

SOUTH ORANGE—The South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs presents an All-Star Benefit Concert to support the Arts in the Park Free Outdoor Summer Concerts series. Featured performers include T.S. Monk, Jon Faddis, Slide Hampton and Don Braden. For more info and ticket prices, call 973-378-7754.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK—Opera singer Jessye Norman gives a solo performance at New Jersey Performing Arts Center. For more info, call 856-466-5722.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

NEWARK—The New Community Corporation presents "Priority Jazz Afrocentric" jazz listening club 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more info, call 973-639-7948.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

NEWARK—The Jazz Institute of New Brunswick Youth Ensemble performs in a concert at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. For more info, call 856-466-5722.

NEWARK—The New Community Corporation presents the Patmark Hispanic Arts Festival. For more info, call 973-639-7935.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

NEW YORK—The music of Fats Waller performed at the Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse at 8 p.m. Featured artists include Jerry and Ralph Sutton. For more info, call 212-501-1390.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

NEWARK—The Newark Parent Volunteer Academy sponsors the "Youth to Praise" musical extravaganza at NJPAC. Children will serve parent volunteers. For more information, call 973-783-8816.

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Laughfest to benefit homeless

NEWARK—Newark Friends of Comic Relief will sponsor Laughfest '98 (to benefit the Newark Homeless Health Care Project). The following are a list of some of the Laughfest events:

Wednesday, June 10: Symphony Hall, Brownstone park - Kids for Comic Relief - A comedy show and health fair for children and parents who reside in shelters.

Monday, June 15: Legal Center - Laughopolooza - A free outdoor day (Mon.-Fri.) luncheon comedy show. The purpose is to promote awareness of the homeless plight.

Terrace Ballroom - A free comedy concert and health fair will be performed for shelter residents as well as a meal provided.

Tuesday, June 16: Essex County College - Waiting to Exhale - A comedy show dubbed "All Ladies Night" will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Newark Museum - Comedy Panel Discussion-New Jack City - The panel discussion features entertainers, producers on the business of comedy as well as an open mike for comedic talent (7:30-10:00 p.m.).

Wednesday, June 17: NJPAC - Main Event 1 - VIP Reception/Celebrity Auction and Comedy Concert with a live musical performance (Showtime 6:00-10:00 p.m.).

Thursday, June 18: Terrace Room - 70s Soul Show - This show, hosted by "Rerun" of the 70s hit show "What's Happening," will present a 70s type show with comedians as well as musical talent such as Kool & The Gang (8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.).

Friday, June 19: Robert Treat Hotel - Ethnic Show - Tap the ethnic market in this area and present two shows (located toward the Hispanic market).

Hendrix songs from British recording session released

UNIVERSAL CITY, CA - Experience Hendrix/MCA Records is set to release "The Jimi Hendrix Experience - BBC Sessions," a 30-track, 110-minute collection of extraordinary performances by Hendrix's legendary trio. The music was originally broadcast on Britain's BBC Radio and TV in the late 60's.

The sixth release under the Experience Hendrix/MCA Records banner, BBC Sessions was compiled by Janie Hendrix, John McDermott, and original Hendrix engineer Eddie Kramer utilizing original master tapes from the BBC's London archive. The digitally remastered set features familiar Hendrix classics, alternate takes, and rare covers including 13 previously unreleased tracks. The Jimi Hendrix Experience - BBC Sessions arrived in stores in 2-CD, 2-cassette, and limited edition, numbered triple LP vinyl formats June 2.

The collection's 30 tracks span the life of the Jimi Hendrix Experience (guitarist and vocalist Jimi Hendrix, bassist Noel Redding, and drummer Mitch Mitchell), beginning with recordings made in February, 1967, when the band was barely 5 months old, and closing with



Jimi Hendrix, center, and members of the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

a live television performance from January 4, 1969, shortly before the trio disbanded. Because the BBC had a policy at the time of limiting the number of broadcast hours of rock-and-roll music, many top artists recorded special live performances for broadcast, which have been preserved for release today.

Songs included on the new album

include such beloved Hendrix standards as "Foxey Lady," "Stone Free," "Hey Joe," "Purple Haze," "Fire," "Manic Depression," and "Woodoo Child (Silly Return)." The set also includes never before heard live performances as well as rarely performed gems including "Burning Of The Midnight Lamp," "Little Miss Lover," and "Love Or Confusion."

Scoop Du Jour

Ananda Lewis, one of MTV's newest VJs, is definitely one young woman on the rise. She and I were able to next talk while we ate African food at an East Village restaurant and



Ananda Lewis, MTV VJ

the first thing I found out about this Howard University graduate is that she's smart. She's also single, loves children and animals, has been a vegetarian all of her adult life and she wants to do more modeling and some acting if the situation is right.

City News: Before we get into the juicy stuff, let the readers know you got your first job in television at R.E.T.

Ananda: I had just ended a summer job with working with at risk kids in the D.C. area. Besides teaching them about practical things such as job finding skills and nutrition. We taught them how to be human beings, how to win in a confrontational situation without resorting to using their fists. They also learned problem solving skills. I had initially thought about

going to law school after I graduated and I still might go later on in life, but for now I was just casually thinking about my next option. A friend told me about an opening on the show and so I auditioned. I got the part.

City News: What did you originally envision for yourself before you actually got work in the television field?

Ananda: I was going to be a teacher. I was a history major and studying history. I hadn't prepared myself for the superficial shallow entertainment industry. I don't deal with as much of the problems that an actress or a model or a musician might have to deal with, because the show helps improve the quality of life for kids. The fact that I helped educate while entertaining the audience made my job worthwhile, because working in TV didn't sound like all that great of a job to me. I like theatre, but I didn't initially appeal to me.

City News: How's your acting career coming along?

Ananda: There's a lot I want to do and I want to stay focused on that and not dip opportunities in the bud. I want to give acting a try, but I don't give it anymore importance than the fact that I want to raise a family. I want to race cars some day. I want to race in the Indianapolis 500 in fact. I like to work with my hands too. So I could see myself building things and I want to have kids I don't necessarily want to get married - at least not right now but I have relationships with peo-

ple that I love very deeply. I know that that would be the best thing. The most important thing is to have someone committed to their children regardless of how they feel about you. I didn't have a father growing up and I turned out okay.

City News: Do you find that women who don't take the time to get to know you are jealous of your beauty?

Ananda: Unfortunately, sometimes they are jealous or they think that I'm stuck-up. Donna Karan wears money-driven or conceited, because of how I look. But once they get to know me, they realize that they couldn't have been further away from the truth.

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The polling places for said election and their respective polling districts have been designated below, and no person shall vote at said election elsewhere than at the polling place designated for the voters of the polling district in which he or she resides. Voters may obtain the district in which they reside by calling the Board of Elections at 621-5070. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Board Secretaries and Clerks.

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Persons unable to vote at the polling place due to permanent or temporary physical disability may request an accessible ballot application by telephoning the Office of the County Clerk at 621-4823. The Office of Board of Elections may be contacted for information regarding polling place assignments and assistance to voters who choose to vote at the polling place on election day. The telephone number is 621-5070. Pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 a reasonable alternate device for the deaf (TDD) is maintained at the Election Division Department of State, Trenton, N.J. Persons wishing to utilize the service to obtain these devices, may do so by calling 1-800-295-0039.

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Voodoo priest tries to kill woman

IRVINGTON (AP)—A voodoo priest set fire to a woman who came to him to get rid of evil spirits that haunted her, police said.

A man who drove Sherita DeGraff to her Oct. 7 session with Pierrot Charles was also charged with attempted murder and conspiracy after Ms. DeGraff was left with second- and third-degree burns on her face, neck and body.

Charles, 41, was arraigned last month and Jean Valme, 36, of Brooklyn, was arraigned Wednesday in Essex County Superior Court and released on bond.

Charles' attorney, James M. Weinberg, said charging his client is similar to charging a "rabbi or priest with murder."

He said the case also unfairly prejudices the public against voodoo, a predominant religion of Haiti evolving from African traditions. Irvington has one of the largest Haitian communities in the state.

"The practice itself is ritualistic, it's spiritual, it's not tied in any way to any devil worship," Weinberg said.

DeGraff sought out Charles in October, telling him she was haunted by the ghost of her dead father and asking him to exorcise her demons, police said.

Weinberg says DeGraff was told to sprinkle on her body Florida Water, a concentrated cologne often used in religious ceremonies in the voodoo faith. A fire started when DeGraff accidentally knocked over a few of the ceremonial candles, he said.

Irvington police said Charles doused her in the water and set her ablaze.

Valme, who drove DeGraff to the meeting of Charles, is accused of conspiring with the priest to have her killed. Police would not be more specific about a motive.

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South Plainfield man accused of molesting two boy scouts

SOUTH PLAINFIELD (AP)—A South Plainfield man who spent years helping boys get Boy Scout merit badges has been accused of molesting two boys who had come to him for help in becoming Eagle Scouts.

The attorney for Lothar Munz waived a court appearance Wednesday, but entered an innocent plea for the 77-year-old man.

Munz was arrested Friday and charged with two counts each of aggravated sexual assault and endangering

the welfare of a child. He was released from the Middlesex County Jail on Sunday after posting \$100,000 bail, said Francis Hermes, his attorney.

A 15-year-old Scout had accused Munz of sexually touching him in September 1996, during a meeting in the suspect's home, authorities said. Police were notified but the boy refused to press charges.

He came forward after hearing a second Scout had made similar accusations. That scout, also 15 at the time of

the alleged incidents, said Munz had sexually touched him on various occasions between January 1995 and June 1995, authorities said.

Don Watt, head of the Watchung Area Council of Boy Scouts, said he terminated Munz' connection after hearing of the September 1996 incident, even though no criminal charges were filed.

He said Munz broke the basic rule which forbids one-on-one meetings with Scouts in the home of a merit badge counselor.

Bob Vincent, a scout leader in South Plainfield, said Munz donated his spare time to his local Scouts. Boys would meet with him between one and four times while trying to get merit badges.

Coroner: Shotgun blasts killed family in Franklin murder-suicide

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP (AP)—Autopsies performed Tuesday on three family members after a double murder-suicide showed all three were killed by gunshot wounds.

All the wounds on Willie Jordan, his wife and their daughter were consistent shotgun wounds, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office said in a prepared statement.

Police removed a 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun, a 22-caliber bolt action rifle and a pellet air rifle from the family's Ray Street home after Jordan, 47, killed himself about 2 a.m. on Memorial Day. Moments earlier, he told neighbors Stephen and Mary Ann Hrapsky he had just killed his wife, Margie, and 16-year-old daughter, Norelle, and planned to kill himself.

The couple tried to get him to talk with them, but he refused, asking them to call police and an ambulance. "He would not come in the house," Mary Ann Hrapsky said. "We had some hope that, maybe (Norelle) would still be alive."

When a SWAT team gave up trying to call the family and entered the house around 6:30 a.m., officers found Jordan's 22-month-old grandson, Conny, sitting unharmed near his body. The toddler is the son of the Jordans' other daughter, 18-year-old Cynthia, who had been working and returned to find police surrounding the house.

Autopsies performed at the Regional Medical Examiner's Office in Newark showed Margie Jordan, 48, was killed by gunshot wounds to the chest and the right buttock, while Norelle was slain by a "contact" gunshot wound to the abdomen. A coroner ruled Willie Jordan committed suicide, also with the shotgun. He had contact wounds in the chest and abdomen.

The prosecutor's office released few other details Tuesday about its joint investigation with the Franklin Township Police Department.

Neighbors said they had seen some signs of tension in the home in recent months.

On Sept. 27, police were called there amid a domestic dispute. Prosecutor Wayne Forrest said, Jordan was charged with simple assault and a restraining order was issued, but both were soon dismissed.

Neighbors described the Jordans as hard-working, churchgoing and well liked in the quiet, racially mixed neighborhood where they had lived for about 15 years.

"You couldn't ask for a better neighbor," Stephen Hrapsky said of Willie Jordan, who had told him he was having troubles with one of his daughters.

Neighbors said Jordan was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener who often gave neighbors flowers and landscaping tips. He worked nights as a forklift operator at a Coca-Cola plant in North Brunswick. One neighbor told investigators Jordan had been laid off recently.

Mrs. Jordan worked on the cookie line at the Sunshine Biscuit Co. in Sayreville.

She and Cynthia sang in the choir at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. Cynthia and her son were staying with church members until her husband, stationed in Texas with the military, arrives, according to the Rev. DeForest Soares.

Norelle, a junior at Franklin High School nicknamed "Beanie" for her short stature nonetheless often led the school basketball team in scoring and rebounding. She also dreamed of a career in rap music and planned to record a demo tape with a friend soon.

3 arrested for taking sand from the beach

UNION BEACH (AP) Three men spent most of the holiday weekend in jail after they were caught driving off with several bags of sand from the beach, police said.

Police said the men arrived at the Sandy Hook Bay beach in a pickup truck about 3 p.m. Sunday and began shoveling sand into three large plastic sacks.

Police Sgt. Peter L. Weinrich watched the activity and radioed to other units when the men returned to the truck and drove away. Patrolman John Cuneo stopped the vehicle a block away and detained the men, who were determined to be Czech immigrants.

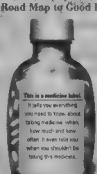
With the help of a translator, the men told police they needed the sand for a swimming pool foundation.

Charged with one count each of theft were the driver, Antonin Ohradza, 28, who gave a Woodbridge Township address, Mario Pukac, 26, who also gave a Woodbridge address but had a Kentucky driver's license; and Robert Cebe, 26, who gave addresses in Woodbridge and Palm Springs, Fla.

The men were being held on \$1,500 bail apiece.

Weinrich said the borough is sensitive to pilferage of sand because it completed a \$11 million beach replenishment program in 1996.

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Kiva Dunes, designed by Jerry Pate, is set along the coastal dunes line at Gulf Shores Plantation. It was named the best new course in Alabama and second-best in the U.S. by Golf Digest for 1995. As impressive as the Trail courses and those along the coast are, they only tell a fraction of the golf story in Alabama. Mobile alone has a half dozen quality public courses. Rock Creek, TimberCreek and Spring Hill are just a few local favorites.

Municipal courses throughout the state provide golfers the chance to play on well-kept, scenic courses designed to challenge any level of handicap. Sites such as Lagoon Park in Montgomery, Point Mallard in Decatur, and Goose Pond Colony in Scottsboro are just a few of the premier municipal layouts waiting to be attacked. Lagoon Park has often been ranked in the top 50

municipal courses in the U.S. by Golf Digest.

The world of professional golf has also recognized Alabama's move to golf prominence. The road to both the PGA and LPGA tours now travels through Alabama.

Whether you're on or off the golf course, Alabama has more than 300 historic sites that are testaments to our African-American heritage. History lessons are everywhere. One of the most impressive features of the Alabama State Capitol are the twin circular staircases which were engineered by Horace King, a former slave. Folk arts and traditions are rich sources of information about our culture. Here is history at its liveliest in sacred harp singing, gandy dancing, and the nationally-known events like the W.C. Handy Festival, the Magic City Classic and Turkey Day Classic football games, National Sweet Potato Festival and Down Home Blues Festival.

It's impossible to cover all the points of special interest to African-American travelers. I strongly suggest that you call 1-800-ALABAMA for a free copy of the informative travel guide titled Alabama's Black Heritage.

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There's Pride Inside There's Pride Illinois: There's Pride

There's Pride Inside

When the desire to retrace the path that led you to the present becomes a necessity, then Illinois will become your history and heritage destination. To unlock the shackles of Southern racism and poverty, many African-American families exited the South and settled in such cities as Cairo, East St. Louis and Chicago. Others made their way along the Mississippi to Alton and north to Quincy.

Illinois is the library to much of the African-American history that has never been written. Each city and town represents a new chapter with heroes and heroines alike. The majestic bronze statue of Victory and eagles stands in tribute to Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy, the abolitionist lynched because of his public outcry against slavery. The monument on Alton's Monument Avenue is one stop along that city's Underground Railroad Tour, which also visits such places as the Alton Museum of History and Art's Black Pioneer Exhibit and Rocky Fork Church, which originated before the Civil War when free people and slaves crossed the Mississippi River to begin life in the "free" state of Illinois.

History doesn't always happen before your time. In fact, many of us have witnessed or have known someone who has personally been a part of history in the making. Well - Illinois is a destination where much of the African-American "story" is still being told. Dr. Charles Smith, in the Chicago suburb of Aurora, tells the story in his "off the beaten path" outdoor exhibit at the African American Heritage Museum and Black Veterans Archives. From slavery to civil rights and beyond, his intriguing art captures the Black experience in its entirety. No glimpse into Illinois' vibrant cultural history would be complete

without a visit to Chicago's "Black Metropolis." Visitors learn about the contributions of those who built a bustling and prosperous "Bronzeville," that made Chicago the nation's "Black business capital." Tour Black Chicago and Black Coutours guided tours allow visitors to experience sights and sounds rarely seen downtown. The burial grounds of the late Harold Washington, Chicago's first Black mayor; the national headquarters of the Nation of Islam; and DuSable Museum of African-American History, the nation's oldest Black History museum are only a few of the links that connect us to the past.

Continuing to recognize the importance of a culturally diverse state, Illinois' summer events bring life to the cultural scene. Rockford, Illinois' second largest city, is hosting the exhibit "A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie," through the end of August. Joliet hosts its third annual Gospel Fest, June 26-28. Chicago will once again host its annual Summer music festivals, including a Gospel Fest, June 12-14, and Jazz Fest, September 3-6.

The multitude of heritage found across the state makes Illinois the perfect spot to rediscover your pride. For more information about these and other sites or hotel accommodations, call an Illinois travel counselor at 1-800-2CONNECT to plan your perfect getaway weekend and to get your copy of Illinois' new African-American travel and heritage guide.



There are some places an ordinary road map won't take you.



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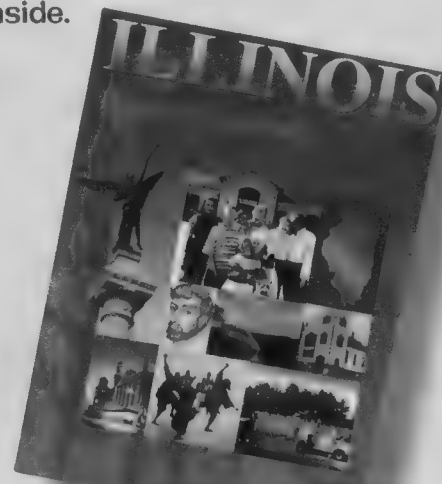
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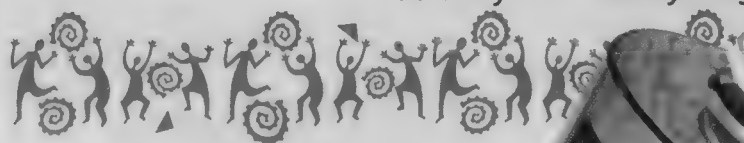
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Dotting the Lowcountry coastline is a strand of about 35 islands with populations of African-Americans who have held to traditions passed down from their African ancestors. This includes Gullah, a musical language that is a blend of King James English and the languages of several West African countries. One of the sea islands, St. Helena, is home to the Penn Center Historic District, site of the first school for freed slaves in the South.

Daufuskie Island is a self-sufficient and inhabited by Gullah people who make their living primarily from traditional trades. Access is by boat only. Kiawah Island, named for the Indian tribe that inhabited it, is one of the state's most posh golf and tennis resorts featuring beaches that offer excellent shelling. Yoniges Island is a resemblance to African life. The gullah language is spoken and many of the customs and religious practices are African with houses clustered as in African villages.

No visit is complete without seeing one of my favorite cities in the world - Charleston. A veritable archive of our history, Charleston is graced with beautiful 18th-century homes with intricate wrought iron gates, most created by Black artisans. Stroll through Cabbage Row, the colorful rowhouses and shops on Church Street that show a West Indian influence. This setting became the model for "Catfish Row" in the opera Porgy and Bess. **For additional information call 1-800-255-2059.**

The Tideland of Georgetown

Georgetown County lies 60 miles north of Charleston and 30 miles south of Myrtle Beach. It is home to the third oldest city in the state (Georgetown), the oldest resort area in America (Pawleys Island/Litchfield), the seafood capital of the south (Murrells Inlet) and the quaint, rustic town of Andrews. There are plenty of activities for visitors to see and do. From boat tours to plantation tours, outdoor sculpture gardens to fresh seafood and unique shopping.

The first African-American to serve in Congress was born June 21, 1832, in Georgetown. Joseph H. Rainey served in Congress from 1870-1879 and valiantly fought for the rights of his people. His first major speech, a vigorous plea for legislation to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment, was a call for action against outrages at the South Carolina Fairs.

The house that was left to him by his father Edward Rainey, known as the Rainey-Carlin House, is one of the most important homes in Georgetown's historic district. The two and one-half story house was restored in 1975 and received the Distinguished Preservation Award from the Historic Georgetown County Foundation. For more information, contact the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce at 803-846-8436.



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Don't - Mississippi



The name "Mississippi" conjures up images of that ancient and legendary body of water. As beautiful and mystical as the river, Mississippi - as a state - is much more. There is no one point in the state that defines Mississippi. There are so many different landscapes, so many different people, so much variety. The tie that binds it all together is the spirit of community, the love and respect for the land, and the concern for people.

The Black traveler will especially be interested in the importance of African-American heritage in Mississippi. From the early days of Civil War heroes, to the leadership of Black merchants, educators and other key community figures, to the more recent civil rights achievements, visitors can follow trails of courage and change throughout the state.

The Blues tradition is alive and well in a residential Black neighborhood between downtown Jackson and the Jackson State University. On weekends, a smoky nightclub named Subway, vibrates with the sounds of the Blues. Subway opened as a jazz club in the basement of the Summers Hotel in 1996. Its owner, Jimmy King, had recently visited New York City, where he was fascinated by the subway system - hence, its name.

During segregation, the Summers Hotel was the place where prominent African-American artists - Count Basie, Duke Ellington, James Brown - lodged while performing in Jackson at clubs that thrived on nearby Farish Street, a historic street that was once the bustling hub of the city's Black cultural, economic, and political activity.

Since the introduction of casino gambling in 1992, Mississippi has become second only to Las Vegas as America's most popular gaming destination. With 31 full-service casinos, most are set on the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast waterfronts. A golf and gaming vacation in the Magnolia State offers round-the-clock excitement for every winning guest.

What brings visitors back to Mississippi again and again is the friendliness of its people. Everyone smiles and says "hello" whenever passing on the street. Drivers are patient and polite in this place where even blowing a car horn is considered rude. Visitors will feel comfortable and safe with both the climate and the people. The word of the day in Mississippi is WELCOME.

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Music's legendary king of R & B music founded "The Ben E. King Stand By Me Foundation" in September of last year. The Foundation is a non-profit organization in Teaneck, New Jersey, established for the purpose of generating funds for deserving youths working to further their education and to assist various civic organizations and associations in their efforts to improve the quality of life of their constituents.

The Foundation's first fundraiser, scheduled from August 24 - August 26, 1998, will be the 1st Annual Celebrity Golf Classic. The festivities will kick-off on Sunday with an all-star show along with an auction, and pairing party. On Monday, the tournament begins with a continental breakfast, tournament, lunch, and to end the evening - an awards banquet. The Lansdowne Conference Resort in Leesburg, Virginia provides the perfect setting for you to not only have a wonderful time, but more importantly - to provide the helping hand that our communities so desperately need. **For additional information, call 1-800 852-6936.**



Viva! Las Vegas

Las Vegas, built on a reputation of gambling, glitz and superstars, has evolved into a one-stop, multi-dimensional resort destination. The dawn of the new era emerged with the opening of theme megaresorts featuring more live entertainment than any other city in the world. Showrooms feature a wide variety of entertainment ranging from superstars to super production shows.

Travelers in search of an international ambiance discover amid Las Vegas lights and games of chance a unique and festive shopping experience and gourmet dining. Retailers and world-recognized designer names have added opulent and affordable shopping to the Las Vegas experience. Within walking distance or a short drive of all major resort hotels, dedicated shoppers encounter vast malls displaying a wide range of products to satisfy the appetite of those in search of bargains, casual and fine attire, domestic and imported merchandise, brand names, fine art, couture creations, diamonds and gold. The city truly offers something for everyone.

A powerful sight to behold is the Hoover Dam which is located 35 miles from Las Vegas. Bus tours are offered every day of the year except Christmas. This 726-foot-high dam, dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt on Sept. 30, 1935, will elicit gasps of wonder and amazement.

Last, but definitely not least, gambling Las Vegas style offers thousands of casino dealers and computerized gambling machines around the clock to satisfy the appetite of Lady Luck. Nevada law permits a wide variety of gaming, including international games of chance imported from Europe and Asia. Some casinos treat gamblers to plush seating, free drinks and buffets in the resorts' race and book complexes where live racing and athletic events are viewed on giant, satellite-fed screens. Casino operators constantly shop for the latest innovation in gaming technology. As a result, Las Vegas resorts offer an electronic version of virtually every type of casino game.

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Historic verbal and written accounts of the Underground Railroad, tell of slaves who sought ways to escape the inhumane treatment of bondage with a secret travel system that promised refuge in the north. Several stops along the path in St. Louis have been identified and are packaged as travel tours.

The Greater St. Louis Black Tourism Network offers a three-hour tour that traces the African-American presence in St. Louis from 1769 to the turn of the 20th century. As a unique twist, the tour presentation includes an ensemble of live actors who bring the stories of St. Louis' African ancestors to life. The Network's director, Angela daSilva, points to the infamous story of Frankie and Johnny as an example. "Everyone knows the legend of these two lovers. We learned it from film, music and the stage, but they were cast as Irish characters. The truth is that Frankie and Johnny were Black and they lived in St. Louis."

The history of St. Louis' Black aristocracy also helps shape the historic tours by providing stories about people such as Madame Pelagie Rutgers who became a major St. Louis land owner during the 1840s and rented her buildings to White businessmen. The tour also tells the story of the famous Dred Scott slavery trials which began in St. Louis' historic Old Courthouse.

The neighborhoods of St. Louis reflect the charm and diversity of its people. Take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the cobblestone streets of the Laclede's Landing district, named for St. Louis' founder, Pierre Laclede. The nine-square-block historic area just north of the Gateway Arch is a step back into the city's past. Ornate brick warehouses offer sustenance for hungry diners with a thirst for live music. The district also plays host to a number of

annual special events, including the St. Louis Blues Heritage Festival held Labor Day weekend.

St. Louis' most historically significant African-American neighborhood, the Ville, is home to Sumner High School – the first school west of the Mississippi to provide secondary education for Black students. Sumner's illustrious graduates include opera diva Grace Bumbry, rock-n-roll legend Chuck Berry, singer Tina Turner, and tennis great Arthur Ashe. The Ville is also home to the former Homer G. Phillips Hospital, which was one of the first medical institutions in the country to train Black physicians, and the Annie Malone Children's Home, founded by one of the first African-American millionaires in the nation. Each year the community turns out in force to remember the legacy of Annie Malone and celebrate the neighborhood's spirit with a May Day parade.

Those who love a little history with their music should know that the blues is fused together in the minds of music lovers by W.C. Handy's immortal "St. Louis Blues." This tune has gone on to become the most recorded blues song in history. Handy's contemporary, ragtime king Scott Joplin, was a regular in the night spots of St. Louis around the time of the 1904 World's Fair. The house bearing his name is a state historic site in St. Louis.

There is still much more to do and see in St. Louis. Forest Park, recently named one of the top ten urban parks in the nation, is a haven for joggers, bikers and rollerbladers as they whiz past the park's Missouri History Museum where St. Louis' past comes to life. The St. Louis Zoo – one of the few remaining free zoos in the world, welcomes visitors with a roar. In the St. Louis Science Center, life-size dinosaurs lure guest into galleries which explore the physical world. Other significant sites are the Six-Flags Over Mid-America theme park, a participatory children's museum called The Magic House, riverboat rides on the Mississippi, casino gaming, and shopping for antiques, collectibles and high fashion apparel.

Whatever you choose to do, remember to enjoy the culture and diversity of St. Louis, the city beneath the Arch that welcomes you with open arms.

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